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Figure 2 shows a Western blot analysis of scFv proteins generated in Example 2 in whole plants. CJ is the scFv with the (Gly₄Ser)₃ SEQ ID NO: 3 linker. The number of the lane refers to the # of the clone. The size in kDa is shown on the left.

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A linker that has been used to link Ig V_H and V_L domains into an scFv is the 15 amino acid sequence GGGGSGGGGSGGGGS (SEQ ID NO:3), commonly designated (Gly₄Ser)₃ SEQ ID NO: 3. A number of other linkers for scFv production have been described in Lawrence et al., *FEBS Letters*, 425: 479-484 (1998), Solar et al., *Protein Engineering*, 8:717-723 (1995), Alfthan et al, *Protein Engineering* 8: 725-731 (1995), Newton et al., *Biochemistry*, 35:545-553 (1996). Ager et al., *Human Gene Therapy*, 7: 2157-2164 (1996) and Koo et al., *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*, 64:2490-2496 (1998). The library approach of this invention will generate many useful linkers beyond those noted above.

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The immunogenic scFv protein designated "CJ" was derived from human lymphoma patient (having the initials CJ) and had as its linker (Gly₄Ser)₃ SEQ ID NO: 3. Patient CJ had been treated in an earlier passive immunotherapy trial. The CJ molecule (specifically, its V region epitope or epitopes) is recognized by an anti-Id mAb named 7D11. See, also; McCormick, AA et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* (1999) 96:703-708).

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In an initial attempt to make a human scFv polypeptide, CJ V region genes were sequenced and cloned into a bacterial expression system using a (Gly₄Ser)₃ SEQ ID NO: 3 linker. Although targeted to the periplasm with a PEL-b leader, CJ scFv protein was sequestered in insoluble inclusion bodies. When mice were immunized with CJ scFv made in bacteria, no anti-CJ anti-idiotypic antibody responses were detected.

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The starting scFv incorporated the standard (Gly₄Ser)₃ SEQ ID NO: 3 linker sequence; the other scFv chains were randomly selected from the transformants obtained from the linker library cloning experiment that utilized the cloned PCR products generated from the four primers (SEQ ID NO:4-11, above). Culture supernatants from equivalent numbers of cells were electrophoresed (SDS-PAGE), and the gels were transferred to nitrocellulose membranes for Western analysis with mAb 7D11 (see above).

Some selected linker library members that were screened randomly appeared to express and accumulate as much or more CJ protein as did the CJ scFv having the conventional linker (Gly₄Ser)₃ SEQ ID NO: 3.

DNA of those library members expressing particularly high amounts of CJ scFv was sequenced. Results are shown in Table 2. Plasmid DNAs for selected clones were prepared and sequenced by standard methods. From the nucleotide sequences of the various CJ derived constructs, the linker sequence of individual clones was deduced. Table 2 lists some of the nucleotide and amino acid linker sequences obtained and indicates "relative expression" which means the amount of expression relative to the same protein but with the (Gly₄Ser)₃ SEQ ID NO: 3 linker.

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* RE = Relative Expression to the (Gly₄Ser)₃ SEQ ID NO: 3 clone

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The quantities of CJ scFv protein produced also varied (relative to the CJ scFv with the (Gly₄Ser)₃ SEQ ID NO: 3 linker). This indicates that both the length and the sequence of the linker region affects the amount of protein produced by the plant cells or plants.

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Individual clones were sequenced, analyzed for reading frame and amino acid identity to the original CJ Ig sequence and then screened for protein expression in infected plants. Figure 1 shows the results of 9 individual CJ scFv expressing clones that demonstrated various levels of protein accumulation. Clones 20 and 30 showed high levels of expression, as well as accumulation of protein dimmers. Clone C contained a modification of the (Gly₄Ser)₃ SEQ ID NO: 3 linker.

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From the sequence data, the linker sequences for individual clones were deduced. The clone numbers in Table 3 are the same as those listed in Table 2. As above, relative expression relates to the scFv protein having the (Gly₄Ser)₃ SEQ ID NO: 3 linker.